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FROM : 25.50/RO

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

SPECIFIC— Operational Leads Obtained from V-3597

1. On 20 October 1953 at the request of V-3597 we had a two-hour meeting at my apartment. He had been promising to hand over to me personally a number of leads which he and his organization had turned up in the course of their everyday activities. These leads, according to V-3597, are of little if any interest to ZIPPER Headquarters and to himself. Since he believes that it is necessary for an honest relationship to exist between the American and German element and since often many weeks elapse before information of this nature is given to the Americans by ZIPPER Headquarters, he had decided to give to me personally all information which might be of particular interest to me and the American agencies in Vienna. In the future he intends to use the ZIPPER pouch to send me further details and leads.

2. I have not given any of the following to VOR to follow up in view of the possibility that it might be misleading or deceptive.

3. The following major points were covered by V-3597:

a. He has run across one STEINKELLER, fmu, presently living in Munich 27, Friedrich Herschelstrasse 12, who was formerly a courier of the Austrian Government. He often traveled to the Satellites. V-3597 states that it would be possible for him to contact him in Munich if anyone was interested. To date he has no further information on STEINKELLER.

b. Dr. Jus. Karl LAMAC, born a Czech, possibly Austrian citizen, lawyer, living in Vienna I, Falkenstrasse 6, telephone number R 29 4 14, is, according to V-3597, in touch with businessmen coming to Vienna from Czechoslovakia. He also maintains contact with a well-known (NU) Swiss lawyer who is a dominant figure in the illegal East-West trade complex.

c. One SIGUT, fmu, born a Czech, presently a teacher (Docent) at the "Hochschule fuer Welthandel" in Vienna is a USIA employee who maintains contact with Czechs and Russians.

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d. One Rudolf RADA, Lederwarenerzeugung, Vienna VIII, Laudongasse 54, telephone number A 22 8 42, allegedly sells all the leather products purchased by the Czech Embassy in Vienna.

e. An unidentified chauffeur for the Czech Air Lines in Vienna stops and sits on Anastasiagruegasse, Vienna XVIII, for one or two hours every day. Subject drives a truck with the license number CSC-PM-5093. V-3597 has no idea why he sits there.

f. The address Vienna I, Weihburggasse 9/III, is an office building. The third floor houses the "Oesterreicher Verkehrsministerium" and the firm "FABER & Co.," formerly known as "Gamsjaeger & Co." One of the owners of FABER & Co. is FABER, fnu, born ca. 1904, 168 cms. tall, slender, dark brown hair. He was German but now carries Austrian citizenship. He was one of the leading pilots of the "Lufthansa for the Balkan States." According to V-3597, FABER has corrupted a number of Austrian Government officials and is now using them to obtain import and export licenses for goods which he sells to the Satellites (Roumania and Bulgaria in particular). FABER is allegedly importing American-made goods which are not obtainable in the Satellites and sending them through Austria to the Eastern Bloc. He is also alleged to be the general representative of several German firms who are shipping goods through him to the East. He has recently purchased \$15,000 worth of the best American wire recorders which he is about to ship out. FABER has been quoted as saying that he owns a "Fieseler Storch" airplane which is currently being held by some farmer in Upper Austria. The airplane is dismantled, and its existence is a secret.

g. The firm of "GEBRUEDER GROH" on Kaerntnerstrasse, Vienna I, which deals in iron and steel products, is run by two brothers from Bratislava. V-3597 can furnish all sorts of details if anyone is interested. He claims to know at least 10 possible penetrations into the firm.

h. One Father MARKO, fnu, a Slovak, formerly lived in Innsbruck then Rome and now in Germany, is allegedly a member of the French IS. He lives in Munich but often moves around in the various towns on the Czech-German border. On the 14th of October he was in Vienna. On the 15th he went to the town of Marchegg near the Czech border. On the 16th he returned to Vienna and might still be here. He is allegedly in touch with the Martin HOLY circle. (V-3597 says that HOLY was arrested by CIC). MARKO allegedly does business with Viktor REIZ (known to CIC), Vienna III, Landstrasse-Hauptstrasse 84/37. MARKO

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claims to be a good friend of an attractive (NU) owner of a coffee shop in Vienna's I district. MARKO claims that she often travels to Innsbruck and Salzburg. She is a Russian agent (according to MARKO). At the present time MARKO is trying to recruit Father DANIS (VFO #21, para. 3c) who lives at the Rennweg Cloister (same residence as V-21 698).

i. As reported in VFO #21: Father DANIS, alias Pater Vojtech, was approached by "CIC." According to V-3597 he refused their offer. V-3597 says that DANIS is in touch with an unidentified man who lives in Vienna's III district and who runs the Czech courier service in Vienna. This man has an unlimited amount of Czech crowns at his disposal.

j. One Madame MORET (phonetic), born ca. 1902, a Czech, married to the French Ambassador to Bolivia, is currently living at the Hotel Münchner Hof on Mariahilferstrasse, Vienna VII. Many of her contacts with Czech and Slovak nationals are suspicious. One Dr. KLIMOWICH who works for Vladimir PEKELSKY of Munich, who V-3597 says is a bad actor, is a friend of Madame MORET. She was formerly a representative of PRCHALA in London.

k. Leuba RYENICKOVA, born ca. 1917 in Namest U Brna, Czechoslovakia, 165 cms. tall, dark brown hair, outstanding Slavic cheek bones, large mouth, is currently in Switzerland but is expected to come to Vienna at the end of October or beginning of November. During the war RYENICKOVA carried a Greek passport. After the war she studied at the "Vysoka Skola Obchodna (University of Commerce and Trade)" in Prague. After graduation she started to use the title of Ing. Comm. Her father, ca. 63 years old, is still living in Namest. In 1946 she was sent by the Communist government of Czechoslovakia to Sweden. She immediately married a man named QUARFORT, fnu, and shortly thereafter she was divorced. V-3597 claims that the marriage was only a means of changing her name. She had no money in Prague, but when she got to Sweden she opened a large business (named NORDISKA) and carried on a great deal of illegal trading. She became known as a Czech agent and had to leave Stockholm suddenly. At the time of her departure she allegedly owned \$300,000 worth of shares in the ALLGREEN firm of Stockholm on which she draws 9% interest. After leaving Sweden she went to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where she again opened a business. While in Bolivia she continued to maintain contact with her old Czech friends. She is alleged to have said that she did not want to return to Europe. V-3597 feels that one reason for her change of mind might be to see Madame MORET in Vienna. One of RYENICKOVA's

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best friends in Prague is one Dr. Jur. Jiri MAJER, born ca. 1901, lawyer, living in Prague XII, Sileska. MAJER is RYBNICKOVA's first love. He is currently married but it is an unhappy affair and RYBNICKOVA sends him money and other considerations through Switzerland. He gets his checks from "DAREX of Zurich."

1. "EXPRESS Internationale Spedition Gesellschaft MSM," Vienna IV, Wohllebengasse 18, telephone U 43 3 89, U 43 2 20, Magazin A 46 5 55, is a transportation firm which handles mostly illegal trade for the Satellites.

a. KONRAD, fmu, born ca. 1909 in Komarno, Czechoslovakia, 160 cms. tall, heavy, black hair, black eyes, living Vienna IX, Porzellangasse 49/A/2 door 32, construction foreman and his wife Helena KONRAD, born ca. 1911 in Komarno, 158 cms. tall, heavy, blond hair, blue eyes, living with Mr. Frank Musal, 105 Bedford Road, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, are said to be well acquainted with the StB. He claimed to have fled to Vienna in 1952, but he is alleged to have arrived with nine suitcases of personal effects. He maintains close contact with the "Povernik" of the Construction Ministry (Bauministerium) in Bratislava. According to V-3597 both KONRAD's have a vast knowledge of high-ranking StB personnel, installations, techniques, etc. Helena is alleged to know a great deal about the StB agent training school in Moravska Trebova (Czech-Northern Moravia) and about the StB installations in Racistofiska Cesta. V-3597 also says that she has told friends that she was approached by the StB but refused their offer. However she still has a code word which she could give to the Russian liaison officer at the RAVAG broadcasting station in Vienna if she changed her mind. V-3597 suspects Herr KONRAD of still being an StB agent because he has a large number of Czech crowns and American dollars at his disposal. He gets them through his contacts in Slovakia.

4. In addition to the above V-3597 requested that I have namechecks run on the following persons who are of interest to him.

a. Karol ERCKO, Vienna V, Achlossgasse 21, bei Frau Jonas, born 14 July 1928 in Kosice Slovakia, single, currently employed as a laborer at Firm Ginner, Vienna VI. Subject allegedly fled from Czechoslovakia in 1945. He joined the French Foreign Legion and spent five years in Indo-China. After his discharge he came to Vienna, CSW would like to use him as a courier.

b. Gerta FORETSCHKIN, nee Wels, born 9 April 1911 in Neu-Oderberg, Czechoslovakia, Austrian citizen, living in Vienna III, Untere Weissgarberstrasse 11. She is divorced, has one child, is 175 cms. tall, dark brown eyes and is slender. He would like to use her as a FORESCHER.

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c. Dr. BISCHOFF, fru, living Vienna XIX, Sommergasse, telephone A 13 9 72, born ca. 1910, 160 cms. tall, Brunette hair, wears thick ~~glasses~~ and has an athletic build. Subject is "Ministerial Ober Kommissar at Finance Landes Direktion fuer Wien, Nieder Oesterreich and Burgenland." Two or three times a month he personally inspects the Austrian border (Czecho and Hungary). He is chief of the "Finance Wache" and also president of the Finance Sport Club. As president of this club he has opportunities to travel to Czechoslovakia and Hungary attempting to arrange sporting events.

5. All the names of firms and ministries were given to me verbally, and I wrote them down as best I could. Perhaps there are a number of inaccuracies.

6. I have not given any of the above to VOB and do not intend to do so unless instructed by POB.

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